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PROGRESS, SHORTCOMINGS AT USSR HEAVY MACHINE BUILDING PLANTS

NEW PRODUCTS, LOWER COSTS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 24 Nov 53

Since the beginning of 1953, the Leningrad Pnevmatika Plant has established production of six new types of machines and apparatus. Among these are new-model hammer drills, pick hammers, and pneumatic motors.

In the postwar years, the plant has produced more than 100,000 pick hammers. More of these are now produced daily than in all of April 1946.

Suggestions of innovators adopted this year are effecting an economy of about one million rubles. The lowering of production costs on hammer drills and pick hammers accounts for 200,000 rubles of this total.

PLANT RAISES PRODUCTIVITY -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 4 Jul 53

In recent years the Riga Kompressor Plant has been completely rebuilt and many new techniques have been mastered by its workers. As a result, in 1953 production will be almost 2 1/2 times that of 1951, and the output of individual workers, 1 1/2 times that of 1951.

In the past 3 years, expenditure of materials has been reduced by 2 1/2 times, and labor cost for operating each machine has decreased by almost four times, though workers' wages have risen.

RAISE OUTPUT SIXFOLD SINCE WAR -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 27 Sep 53

In recent years, the Stalinabad Machinery Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze has established production of more than 50 new items. Plant output is six times as great as in the prewar period, and both production costs and labor consumption have been cut to one third the prewar level.

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DOUBLE PRODUCTION IN YEAR -- Moscow, Finaly 1 Kredit SSSR, Aug 53

In 1952 in comparison with 1951, the L'vov-Kramatorsk Heavy Machine Building Plant doubled its production, increased labor productivity 23 percent, lowered production costs 30 percent. These gains were accomplished without an increase in plant area.

PRODUCTION UP; COSTS DOWN -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 16 Jul 53

The L'vov Fork Lift Truck Plant has raised its rate of production 30 percent over that of last year, with a decrease in production costs.

EXCEED PLAN -- Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 29 Aug 53

The Baku Petroleum Machine Building Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy has overfulfilled its 8-month plan. In 1953, output has been raised 10 percent while production costs have been reduced 8.5 percent.

ABOVE-PLAN PROFITS -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 24 Jul 53

In the first 6 months of 1953, the Noginsk Fuel Apparatus Plant earned above-plan profits amounting to over 2 million rubles.

FAIL TO FULFILL PLANS -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Pravda, 18 Oct 53

The Petrozavodsk Omega Plant is working poorly this year. Month after month, plans for current winch production and for the establishment of new production remain unfulfilled. Labor productivity is low; loss from rejects is high. Stocks of acid and semifinished materials are accumulating. The poor financial condition of the plant indicates that the plant management is neglecting the task of lowering production costs.

FAIL TO LOWER PRODUCTION COSTS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 3 Oct 53

The Leningrad Hoist and Transport Equipment Plant imeni Kirov is not coping with its task of lowering production costs. The productivity of labor is low; many workers do not fulfill their plans.

The plant suffers a monthly loss of about 300,000 rubles, while the plant management calmly accepts the situation, does not mechanize labor-consuming operations, and is not concerned with raising the qualifications of workers.

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